



Partnerships for Flood Mapping

What is a Cooperating Technical Community (CTC)?

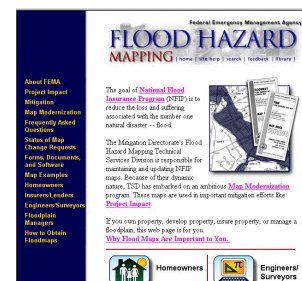
- CTCs are communities or regional or State agencies that have the interest and capability to be active partners in FEMA's flood mapping program.
- CTCs enter into an agreement that formalizes their contribution and commitment to flood mapping.
- CTCs want their flood maps to be accurate, up-to-date, and to reflect local conditions, and they want to partner with FEMA to achieve these objectives.

What are the Objectives of the CTC Initiative?

- Fully integrate the contributions of FEMA's state, regional, and community partners into the mapping process to provide timely and accurate flood hazard information.
- Maximize limited funding by combining resources.
- Maintain consistent national standards.
- Provide training and technical assistance, and to facilitate mentoring for potential partners willing to develop the capability to adequately maintain flood hazard information.

What are the Benefits of being a CTC Partner?

- By incorporating local knowledge and expertise, flood maps will be more accurate and can be quickly updated.
- Local activities can be enhanced through FEMA's technical assistance, data and standards.
- Local maps = FEMA maps.
- Collaborative efforts with FEMA accomplish more than independent efforts.

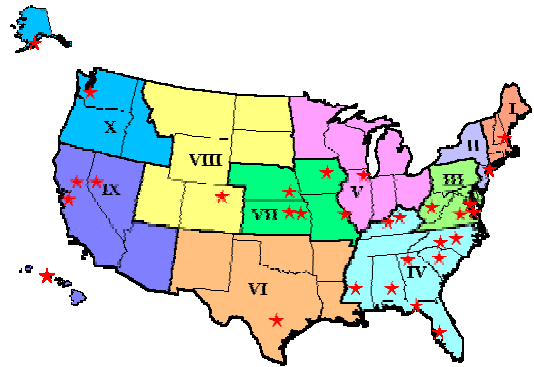


What Activities can be accomplished as a CTC?

- Refinement of approximate Zone A floodplain boundaries.
- Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) modeling and mapping.
- Digital FIRM preparation and/or maintenance.
- Redelineation of floodplains using updated topographic data.
- Analysis of community mapping needs.
- Compiling an inventory of available base maps.
- Digital base map data sharing.
- H&H review.
- Adaptation of technical standards specific for a locality.
- Digital elevation model/topographic data development.

What Funding is available for CTCs?

- Locally funded activities can be initiated at anytime; FEMA technical assistance will be available.
- FEMA funding for flood studies is very limited; national mapping needs determine FEMA funding priorities.
- Federal funding provided through a cooperative agreement.



30 partners anticipated throughout FEMA's ten Regions in 1999

What are the Steps to Become a CTC?

1. Contact CTC Coordinator at FEMA Regional Office.
2. Enter into Partnership Agreement.
3. Identify mapping activities.
4. Coordinate with FEMA on scope and final product.
5. Determine partners' and FEMA's responsibilities and contributions.
6. Initiate mapping activities.
7. Review process annually.

Where Can I Get More Information?

- Check on-line at www.fema.gov/mit/tsd/CTC_main.htm.
- Get information through the FEMA Map Assistance Center at 1-877-FEMA MAP (336-2627).
- Contact the Regional Engineer in your FEMA Regional Office (See "Guidance Document" at web site for a complete listing Regional Offices and Engineers).